

County Government.S.G.S- Pocahontas County.

The events that led to the formation of a new county was the cause of the move and it was not for political reasons as it was not a political move in any respect, but was for the good of the people in general and not for just a few.

Most of the land on the western waters was granted by Augusta County Virginia and records to that affect are found at Staunton in grant book number I. In searching old records I found in the possession of A.W McNeill a descendant of one of the first settlers of Pocahontas County one was a deed made in April 1796 granting Thomas McNeill a tract of land and signed by the governor of Virginia at Richmond Robert Brooke Governor ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ this deed was written with a quill on buckskin or some sort of thin leather, the other was a deed from Bath County Virginia the clerks office to Jonathan McNeill to William McNeill in 1818, the first was a land grant the latter a deed from one individual to another.

Information-Calvin Price Marlinton.W.Va.

G. D McNeill. Buckeye.W.Va. & John C McNeill Buckeye.W.Va.

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According to my informant Mr.C.W Price there was no political

division in Virginia from which Pocahontas County came prior to 1750 and

according to Mr.Price the land comprising Pocahontas County came from

many different counties of old Virginia as Augusta County with the county

seat of Staunton was formed and the land made available in 1722 in the

treaty with the Indians at Albany this treaty dealt with the western wat-

ers of which we are now apart,~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ or part of the

county of Augusta.In 1777 Botetourt was formed and ran to the mouth of

Swago Creek and on the south on down the Greenbrier.Harrison County from

Swago Creek north this was surveyed 1785 and took in land from the head

of Spice Run to Blennerhassett Island.The formation of Pendleton County was

Arbovale now in the upper section of Pocahontas and took in all the land

north.Randolph County was formed 1792 and run from the Greenbrier line nor-

th to Beverley.Formation of Bath County was in 1792,thus Pocahontas County

was formed in Bath County to the Pendleton County line with Randolph Cou-

nty west of Alleghaney and Elk and Gauley valleys.The county seat prior to

the formation of Pocahontas County was Staunton in Augusta County.

The people of the terretory now Pocahontas were very little dependant on their county government as it was so far away that they never visited it only to pay taxes,record a deed or secure a marriage license.A record of the

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Botetourt County Court of 1774 excuses Charles Kinnison because he

*is jury duty*

lived beyond the droop, referring to our Droop Mountain here in Pocahontas County. Charles Cameron clerk of the Bath County Court lived at what is Dunmore at the present time in our county of Pocahontas.

The County court members were all Justices of the Peace and attended to all matters as they do today but met only 2 or 3 times each year. The farmers were very little concerned over the affairs of the Western Waters as they were busy trying to make a living and not so much interested in their county government as this section layed in so many different counties of old Virginia there was very little hopes for cooperation either by the farmers or the county in which they were a part at that time. And the Virginia board of Public works hardly knew we existed and at that time there was two political parties namely the Jeffersonian Democrats and the Whigs, and the laws passed by the Assembly did not show much concern for the people across the mountain or the ones on the Western waters that later became Pocahontas.

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